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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RE: Applicant(s): Thorsten Laux

Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING A MERGING DRIVER  
FOR ACCESSING MULTIPLE DATA SOURCES

Serial No.: 09/738,464 Filed: December 13, 2000

Examiner: Li B. Zhen Group Art Unit: 2194

Docket No.: P-4589

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2007 in the above application:

1. Return receipt postcard;
2. This Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
3. Amendment (7 pages).

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☒ No additional claims fees are required.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

|  | Claims Remaining<br>after Amendment | Highest No.<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Present<br>Extra | Rate       | Additional<br>Fee |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Total Claims   | 14                                  | - 17                                  | = 0              | x \$50.00  | \$ 0.00           |
| Independent Claims   | 4                                   | - 4                                   | = 0              | x \$210.00 | \$ 0.00           |
| First filing of Multiple Dependent Claim (Enter \$290)                   |                                     |                                       |                  |            | 0.00              |
| Total of above Calculation   |                                     |                                       |                  |            | \$0.00            |
| Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity) |                                     |                                       |                  |            | 1.0               |
| Subtotal   |                                     |                                       |                  |            | \$ 0.00           |
| Submission of Information Disclosure Statement Fee (enter \$180)         |                                     |                                       |                  |            | 0.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                                     |                                       |                  |            | <b>\$ 0.00</b>    |

☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension of time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 22, 2008.

  
 Attorney for Applicant(s)

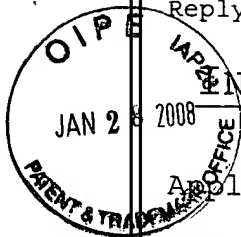
January 22, 2008  
 Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2007,  
please consider:

1. Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.